

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Date: September 20, 2005
MINUTES**

Members Present: F. Eric Sonnett, Chairman; Leonard A. Holden, Vice-Chairman; Ronald M. Clark; Mary C. Pratt; Muriel E. Kramer

Others Present: HCAM Station: Beth Fenier; MetroWest News: Cathy Flynn; HopNews: Peter Bergeron; DPW: J.T. Gaucher, Director; Eric Carty, Water/Sewer Manager; Youth Commission: Michele Plane, Chairman; Kim Hesse; Linda Katz; Andrew Wailgum; Elementary School Building Committee: David Hamacher, Chairman; Bob Ionta; Carol DeVeuve; Nancy Peters; Thomas Garabedian; Brian Morrison, Chairman; Building Department: Michael Shepard, Director of Municipal Inspections; Ken Weismantel; Jeff Furber; Gail Clifford; Nancy Goldman; Liisa Jackson; Sandra Altamura; Selectmen's Office Theodore D. Kozak, Executive Secretary, and Geri Holland.

Public Meeting Opened/Move into Executive Session (Room 211)

6:00 p.m. Mr. Sonnett, Chairman, opened the public meeting.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss litigation. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Pratt: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Public Meeting Re-opened/Pledge of Allegiance (Selectmen's Hearing Room)

7:00 p.m. Mr. Sonnett re-opened the public session and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Town warrants and bills were approved for payment.

Selectmen's minutes: September 6, 2005; September 6, 2005 (ES); September 8, 2005

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the Selectmen's minutes dated September 6, 2005. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session Selectmen's minutes dated September 6, 2005. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the Selectmen's minutes dated September 8, 2005. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

DPW Director's Re-appointment: J.T. Gaucher, DPW Director

Mr. Sonnett commented that Mr. Gaucher, DPW Director, has completed his three (3) year appointment as DPW Director, and, as Mr. Gaucher has received an overall above satisfactory Performance Evaluation, the DPW Advisory Committee recommends another three (3) year appointment for the position as DPW Director. He said that the DPW Advisory Committee also recommends Mr. Gaucher's appointment for another three (3) year term.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to re-appoint J.T. Gaucher as DPW Director for a three (3) term from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008. **So moved Mrs. Kramer. Second Mr. Holden. Discussion:** All Board members stated their support of Mr. Gaucher's reappointment. **Unanimously voted.**

Mrs. Pratt asked if the recent work that was performed at Colella's Supermarket's catch basins caused the street flooding from the recent rainstorm. Mr. Gaucher responded that the street flooding was caused as there are not enough catch basins in the street. Mr. Clark noted that this issue might be a future agenda item, and should not be discussed this evening. Mr. Sonnett agreed.

Coburn Road sign request

Mr. Sonnett said that the Board was in receipt of a request from Angela Cunniff, 4 Coburn Road, to place a sign at the top of the hill just after the turn from Coburn Road from Ash Street. He said that Ms. Cunniff recommended the sign to read "Children at Play" or "Go Slow", Children playing, as she is concerned about the safety of children who live in that area. Mr. Gaucher said that he and the Police Chief both reviewed this area and support a "Slow Children" sign on Coburn Road.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the placement of a sign on Coburn Road as recommended by the DPW Director and Police Chief. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Water Status: Eric Carty, Water/Sewer Manger

Mr. Carty gave an update regarding the water status in Hopkinton and its reservoir. He gave an account of the Town's water demand and how the Town has managed to keep up with the high use. Mr. Carty said that extreme hot weather this past year has contributed to uncertain water levels in the Hopkinton Reservoir. He pointed out that even though Ashland's water levels are down, the Town still is able to receive water from them. He said that the Town is under a voluntary water ban. There was a general discussion regarding this issue. The Board thanked Mr. Carty for his update.

Sewer Rate Relief Fund FY'06

Mr. Sonnett said that the Sewer Rate Relief Fund was created to mitigate rising costs of sewer service in the Commonwealth. He noted that Town Treasurer recorded the total FY'06 debt service that pertains to sewer construction work totaling \$623,902, and that was issued on or after January 1, 1990 for a term greater than five years to finance or refinance the cost construction to meet the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act inclusive of MGL Ch. 21. Mr. Kozak said that the Board needs to execute the document certifying that the debt meets the aforementioned provisions.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to execute the Sewer Rate Relief Fund for FY'06. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Hopkinton Endowment Telethon Announcement:

Mr. Holden announced the 2nd Annual Hopkinton Community Endowment (HCE) Telethon scheduled on Sunday, October 2, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and encouraged everyone to watch the live telecast on HCAM TV-8 and support this endeavor.

Zoning Issues on the Fruit Street Property: Zoning Enforcement Officer's Decision

Mr. Sonnett began a discussion regarding a letter dated July 29, 2005 that Selectman Kramer sent to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael Shepard that requested Mr. Shepard to review the Town's zoning regulations that specifically concerned the town-owned Fruit Street property with regard to each intended use

currently under discussion with the MEPA Master Plan process. Ms. Kramer's letter requested "a determination as to whether or not each planned use is permitted by the Town's zoning bylaws", and "a listing of the necessary special permits and/or variances." Mr. Sonnett referred to Mr. Shepard's letter of response dated August 29, 2005 stating that as the Fruit Street property is within a water protection overlay district, it is his opinion that zoning regulations would not allow the public works facility to be built on the property, and that the wastewater facility would require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Sonnett said that the Board of Selectmen would discuss this evening as to whether or not to appeal Mr. Shepard's decision and to request Town Counsel if there is sufficient grounds for the Town to appeal this decision.

Mrs. Pratt stated that she will not step off the Board as she wished to make a statement that pertains to the Zoning Officer's letter. She commented that the Board needs to hold the Town to the same standards as the E.L. Harvey project. She said that this issue does not have anything to do with Fruit Street, and that it takes a "man of honor and integrity" to stand behind Mr. Shepard on his decision. Mrs. Pratt will step off as a member of the Board, when the Board votes, but wanted to make this statement as a Board of Selectmen member.

Mr. Clark asked Mrs. Kramer why she wrote her July 29 letter and what did she hope to accomplish. Mrs. Kramer commented that she thought the Board was going to vote on whether or not to appeal the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision, but will respond to Mr. Clark's inquiry. Mrs. Kramer said that she wanted to make sure that the town can use the property for the proposed uses.

Mr. Clark asked Mrs. Kramer why she used Selectmen as a return address on the July 29 letter. Mrs. Kramer responded "why not"? Mr. Clark asked Mrs. Kramer if she sent the July 29 letter as an individual or as a Selectman. Mrs. Kramer responded "either way". Mr. Clark asked who received a copy of the July 29 letter. Mrs. Kramer said she sent the letter to Mr. Shepard. Mr. Clark asked if anyone else helped her to compose the letter. Mrs. Kramer responded that she composed her own letter.

Mr. Clark commented to Mrs. Kramer that it was "inappropriate" to send the letter without a discussion with the Board. He said that Mr. Shepard thought that he was responding to your letter to the Board of Selectmen as Mrs. Kramer is the Board's liaison to the Municipal Building Department. He said that Mrs. Kramer had every right to send the letter as a private citizen, but not as a member of the Board. Mr. Clark pointed out excerpts from Town Counsel's letter dated September 13, 2005 one being that Mr. Shepard's letter is based entirely on assumptions concerning hypothetical uses of the property and not related to specific proposals or plans, and that his opinion was premature. Mr. Clark commented that Mr. Shepard should not have been put in a position to make such assumptions. He also said that both the School Committee and Board of Health have voted to appeal Mr. Shepard's decisions. He said that this situation might hurt in the negotiations with developers of the Weston Nurseries property.

Mrs. Kramer commented that Mr. Shepard makes decisions everyday that not everyone likes. She responded to Town Counsel's comment about Mr. Shepard's decision being premature, she could argue that the Town is in a "time crunch" with regards to the School Department. She said her concern was to get all issues in front of the Board, and that it's important to know and not spend time and money that the bylaws don't allow. Mrs. Kramer said that her letter to Mr. Shepard was due diligence for the town's property that lies near the town's key water supply, and that zoning regulations would not allow for certain proposed projects. She also commented that as the Town's Water and Sewer Commissioners, the Board needs to make sure that they resolve potential issues.

Mrs. Kramer pointed out that Mr. Shepard was in the audience and available to speak to the questions raised by Mr. Clark and Mr. Sonnett; additionally, Mrs. Kramer pointed out the Mr. Thomas Garabedian from the Zoning Board of Appeals was in the audience and therefore available to speak to the issues from a process standpoint. No questions were directed to the Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Board of Appeals representative at this meeting.

Mr. Clark commented that the Board is concerned about the Town's water issues, but that there is a right and wrong way in how to go about the process. Mr. Clark referred to a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), dated August 29, and questioned if the ZBA'S decision for the Board of Selectmen's need to appeal Mr. Shepard's determination was voted.

Mr. Sonnett read a letter from Town Counsel, dated September 20, 2005, that addresses his opinion regarding the issue in the ZBA's review "constitutes an order or decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer from which an appeal is authorized pursuant to G.L.c40A, Sec. 8", and that his "preliminary investigation indicates that the letter does not constitute such an order of decision".

Mrs. Kramer said that she had just received Mr. Faiman's September 20 letter this evening and noted that she has not had the chance to read it thoroughly. However, she said that his letter failed to note that any voter could initiate a request. Mrs. Kramer made the point that every voter is a stakeholder in that property, as it is Town-owned. Mrs. Kramer commented that the town needs to work together in a responsible manner. Mrs. Kramer commented that while Mr. Faiman refers to "hypothetical uses" in his letter; some of the uses like the Waste Water Treatment Facility already have contracts in place that commit the Town's money. Mrs. Kramer further stated that the Board needs to find out now which uses are or are not allowed before committing any more time or money. Mrs. Kramer also made the point that the Fruit Street property is entirely within the Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD) which is purposefully restrictive to protect our municipal water supply, and that it is in our best interests to comply with that protective zoning.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to direct Town Counsel to appeal the Board of Appeal's decision and send a letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Appeals to summarize points from the two letters; and to ask the Board of Appeals to delay any decision that they would have regarding the appeal until such time a determination has been made for the uses of the land such as what they are and where they are, and that it go through the Town's normal permitting process. Mr. Clark moved the motion with the addition that the Board of Selectmen asks Attorney Faiman to include in the letter to the Board of Appeals a recommendation that he, the Municipal Building Inspector, the Board of Appeals meet to discuss the whole issue of applicability, the timing of the decision, and the appeals' timing. Mr. Sonnett said he would add Mr. Clark's amendment to the motion. He asked how the Board voted, and Mr. Clark moved the motion and Mr. Holden seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Clark commented that Town Counsel is Town Counsel for the Municipal Building Inspector, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Appeals. He hopes that the three parties can get together and come up with a conclusion and a solution on recommending a road map on how to go about the permitting process on Fruit Street.

Mr. Sonnett asked how the Board voted.

Mrs. Kramer wished to continue the discussion and commented that she welcomes the opportunity to support this appeal. She questions the delay of asking the Board of Appeals to postpone the decision of determination. She added that she believes the Board of Selectmen should invest up front and know what can and what can not be put on the Fruit Street site. There was no more discussion at this time.

It was a unanimous vote as follows: **Mr. Sonnett: yes; Mr. Holden: yes; Mr. Clark: yes; Mrs. Kramer: yes. Unanimously voted.**

Engineering Executive Letter Discussion on Fruit Street Property

Mr. Sonnett began a discussion regarding the results of the Peer Review for engineering services on the Town's Fruit Street property that was performed by consultants by two engineering firms, SEA and PRISM.

Mr. Sonnett reported that both consultant firms confirm that the Town's engineering consultant, Earth Tech, has provided the Town with valid assumptions on the Fruit Street property, and that the conceptual plan of the Wastewater Treatment Facility has the capability to meet the identified effluent limitations. Mr. Sonnett commented that the peer review is a good report for the Cedar Swamp and Whitehall Brook, two environmentally protected areas near Fruit Street.

Mr. Sonnett said that the Board would hold a public hearing with the three engineering firms, Earth Tech, SEA, and Prism, scheduled on October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room. Mr. Sonnett invites residents to attend the public hearing and talk to the engineers, so that they would feel more confident about the Single Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Fruit Street. He added that there would be a thirty (30) day public comment period for the EIR beginning on October 15.

Mr. Clark said that the Town spent more than \$600,000 on its Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and hopes that the Peer Review reports would help to understand that Earth Tech's reports are valid in stating that Fruit Street is the best site to place the treatment plant.

Mrs. Pratt stepped back on the Board.

Youth Commission Overview: Michele Piane, Chairman

Ms. Piane, Chairman of the Youth Commission, outlined the Commission's goals and future activities. Ms. Piane said that the Commission is presently planning a Youth Summit on November 12 to bring together all of the Towns groups who work with youth and to engage youth in the process of communicating to the community the importance of youth in Hopkinton. Ms. Piane also said that the Youth Commission has contacted the Marathon Fund Committee and Appropriation Committee to meet with them about funding programs and other funding needs of the Youth Commission. Mr. Holden offered to contact the Hopkinton Athletic Association to talk about funding. Ms. Piane also talked about the Commission's plans for an early release day after school program for the Middle School scheduled on October 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Hopkinton. She said that the Commission plans to offer events including indoor soccer, basketball, crafts, music, pizza and a movie. The Commission is concerned about the form that is required by the Church that has a hold harmless clause within the form and which the Town's insurance company has a problem with the Town signing the form. The other issue is being able to have CORI checks completed before the event. Mr. Kozak said that he is working with the Town's insurance company along with Town Counsel to work on the language of the form, and Parks & Recreation Commission in regards to the CORI checks. Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Kozak to meet with a representative from the First Congregational Church and members of the Youth Commission to resolve this issue. Mr. Sonnett also asked Mr. Kozak to contact State Representative Loscocco and Senator Spilka for assistance, if needed. Mrs. Kramer recommended putting a notice about the Youth Summit on the Town's website. The Board commended the Youth Commission for their efforts on behalf of the Town's youth.

Youth Commission Interview (one (1) vacancy; term to 2007): Linda Katz

Mr. Sonnett invited Linda Katz to introduce herself and give an overview of her background. Ms. Katz stated her experience in working with children and adults as an occupational therapist, mediator and volunteer. Ms. Katz said that she does have the time to serve, and believes her background would be helpful to the Youth Commission. Mr. Sonnett commented that it would be a pleasure to have someone so qualified on the Youth Commission. Mr. Clark asked what the three skills are in communicating with children. Ms. Katz replied good listening, empathy, and good communication helping them to feel comfortable. Board members stated their endorsement to appoint Ms. Katz.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Linda Katz to the Youth Commission for a term to 2007. **So moved Mrs. Kramer. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

Elementary School Building Committee (three (3) vacancies; Life of Project): I.) Andrew G. Wailgum and David Jacobs

Mr. Sonnett invited Andrew Wailgum to introduce himself and give an overview of his background. Mr. Wailgum gave a brief history of his background and interest in serving on the Elementary School Building Committee (ESBC), and believes his professional skills in law would be helpful to the Committee's mission especially with various issues such as contracts, change orders etc. Mr. Sonnett commented that the term is for the life of the project, and asked Mr. Wailgum if he has the time and commitment to serve. Mr. Wailgum replied that he does. Mr. Sonnett noted that Mr. Hamacher, Chairman of the ESBC, endorses Mr. Wailgum's appointment. Mr. Holden commented that he knows Mr. Wailgum and respects his opinion. Mrs. Pratt said that it would be good to have a lawyer on the ESBC.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Andrew Wailgum to the Elementary School Building Committee for a term to the Life of the project. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Mr. Sonnett noted that candidate, David Jacobs, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, expressed an interest to appoint him this evening even though he is not present. Mr. Sonnett said that he knows Mr. Jacobs, and endorses his appointment. He pointed out that the ESBC has much work ahead, and would favor appointing Mr. Jacobs this evening rather than put off the appointment to a future Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Sonnett added that Mr. Jacobs is a project manager by trade. He added that Mr. Hamacher recruited Mr. Jacobs for the Committee. He asked Mr. Hamacher to present his comments on behalf of Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Hamacher stated that he knows both candidates, Mr. Wailgum and Mr. Jacobs, and endorses both of their appointments. Mr. Sonnett asked for other Board member's comments. The other Board members agreed to appoint Mr. Jacobs to the ESBC this evening rather than put off his appointment to the October Selectmen's Meeting.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint David Jacobs to the Elementary School Building Committee for the term to the Life of the Project. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Historical Commission (one (1) vacancy; term to 2008): Blair Bigelow; Bob Ionta

Mr. Sonnett invited Mr. Ionta to give a brief overview of his background and state why he would like to serve on the Historical Commission. Mr. Ionta said that he has an engineering background and experience with carpentry and construction methods in restoring his own historic house. He said that he has an interest in historic architecture most commonly seen in Hopkinton, and preserving Hopkinton's historic preservation is important to him. Mr. Ionta said that he has the time to serve. Mr. Sonnett asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Holden said that Mr. Ionta's background would make a good contribution to the Commission. Mrs. Pratt said that she can see that Mr. Ionta has a passion for historic preservation, and supports his appointment. The Board agreed that Mr. Ionta would make a valuable contribution to the Commission.

Mr. Sonnett invited Mr. Bigelow to give a brief overview of his background and state why he would like to serve on the Historical Commission. Mr. Bigelow said that his experience in teaching literature always included the historical context in his classes. Mr. Bigelow said that he has the time to serve, and believes his background would be appropriate for the Historical Commission. Mrs. Pratt commented how the Board has before them two strong candidates for the Historical Commission, and asked Mr. Bigelow that since he lives in the Woodville Historic Commission, would he be interested in applying for one of the at large vacancies on that Commission, should he not be appointed this evening. Mr. Bigelow replied that he would be interested in serving on the Woodville Historic District.

Mr. Sonnett reviewed the interviewing process and said that he would nominate both candidates, and then ask each member of the Board to write their choice by casting a ballot. Mrs. Holland would read the names that each Selectman wished to appoint.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to nominate Mr. Ionta and Mr. Bigelow to the Historic Commission. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Members of the Board cast their ballots. Mrs. Holland read each Selectman's ballot as follows: **Mr. Sonnett: Mr. Ionta; Mr. Holden: Mr. Ionta; Mr. Clark: Mr. Ionta; Mrs. Pratt: Mr. Ionta; Mrs. Kramer: Mr. Ionta.**

Mr. Ionta is unanimously appointed by vote to the Historical Commission for a three (3) year term to 2008.

Historical District Commission (two (2) vacancies; terms to 2008): Richard Brousseau

Mr. Sonnett noted that as Mr. Brousseau was unable to attend tonight's meeting, he asked him to represent him at tonight's meeting. Mr. Sonnett said that Mr. Brousseau, an architect, served on the Planning Board's Design Review Board. He requests the Board's consideration to appoint Mr. Brousseau to the Historical District Commission. Mr. Clark said that he knew Mr. Brousseau when he served on the Planning Board, and supports his appointment. The Board had no problem with Mr. Brousseau's appointment to the Historical District Commission.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Richard Brousseau to the Historical District Commission for a three (3) year term to 2008. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Woodville Historic District Commission Announcement

Mr. Sonnett reviewed the membership requirements for the establishment of the Woodville Historic District Commission that is a seven (7) member Commission with three (3) at large; one (1) representative each from the Historic Commission, Historical Society, Board of Realtors, and the Boston Society of Architects. Mr. Sonnett recommended contacting the Selectmen's Office for more info or to submit a letter of interest.

Trails Committee Applicants Screening Committee

Mr. Sonnett commented that as there are (23) Trails Committee applicants, he recommends a screening sub-committee of three (3) members to review all applications and present ten (10) candidates for the Board's consideration. He said that the Board could interview five (5) candidates at two subsequent Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Sonnett said that after speaking to Scott Richardson, Tim Kilduff and Selectmen Holden about serving on the subcommittee, they stated their willingness to serve on this committee. Mr. Clark agreed to appointing a sub-committee, and recommended for the committee to submit eight (8) candidates versus ten (10) for the Board's consideration. The Board agreed to interview eight (8) candidates.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Scott Richardson, Tim Kilduff, and Len Holden to the Trails Committee Screening Subcommittee a term to the completed task of the Subcommittee. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Liaison's Updates

Mrs. Pratt gave a MAPC update including the continuation of a discussion regarding the Sale of Surplus Land. Mr. Clark said that the next Fruit Street meeting is scheduled on September 26th, and that he is meeting with the Planning Board on September 25th to talk about the sign bylaw. Mrs. Kramer commented that she would like the Board to discuss at a future meeting a Fuel Assistance Program for the Town's senior citizens.

Charter Commission Public Hearings (9/21 & 9/28; 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., HS Auditorium)

Mr. Pratt announced the Charter Commission Public Hearings scheduled on September 21 and 28 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. It was noted that the Public Hearing's scheduled room was changed from the Middle School Auditorium to the High School Auditorium, due to a scheduling issue with the Middle School. Mr. Clark asked if it is legal to change the location of a public hearing once it's been advertised in the newspaper. Mrs. Pratt said that she would call the Attorney General's Office the next day to ask this question. The Board requests to post the next Charter Commission meeting on September 28, as all members of the Board might be present.

Gas Mileage

Mr. Sonnett said that the Town's current reimbursement rate of .30 cents per mile that is allowed by the Town's gas mileage has not been changed since September 5, 2000. He commented that a survey of the mileage allowed by other surrounding Towns shows that Hopkinton's rate is one of the lowest reimbursement rates. Mr. Kozak said that the IRS's standard current rate which employees may be reimbursed for miles driven on behalf of their employers without taxable income has increased to 48.5 cents per mile effective until the end of the year. He said that this rate could change on January 1, 2006. He said that the rate was at 40.5 cents, but was raised due to Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Kozak recommended that the Town's rate be changed to 40.5 cents and reasoned that rather than fluctuate with the IRS rate, the Town's rate remain constant for budgetary purposes. The Board discussed this and agreed to recommend the IRS's recommended rate of 48.5 cents effective October 1, 2005, which would be subject to change effective January 1, 2006

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a vote to change the Town's gas mileage that Town employees may be reimbursed for miles driven on behalf of their employers effective October 1, 2005, which would be subject to change effective January 1, 2006 in accordance with the IRS rate at that time. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Revise Selectmen's Meetings Schedule

The Board agreed to not hold the first Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting on October 4 as it's the holiday, Rosh Hashanah, and to schedule the October Selectmen's meetings on October 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. The Board also agreed to hold a public hearing for the Peer Review for Engineering Services on the Town's Fruit Street property during the October 11 meeting at 7:30 p.m., and then resume the public meeting after the public hearing. The Board also agreed to follow their regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays during the months of November and December.

Marathon Fund Request from the Council on Aging

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the Marathon Fund request from the Council on Aging for \$1,800.00 to help fund the Senior Citizen Exercise Program. **So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.**

One (1) Day Liquor License: HAA High School Athletic Hall of Fame Event (Mon., 10/8; 6-8 p.m., St. John's Parish Center)

Mr. Sonnett read a request from Aubrey Doyle for a one-day all liquor license for the Hopkinton High School Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony scheduled Saturday, October 8, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. Mr. Sonnett noted that the Police Chief has no problem with the issuance of this license.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a one-day all liquor license for the Hopkinton High School Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony scheduled Saturday, October 8, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

One (1) Day Liquor License: Baypath Humane Society (Sat., 11/5; 5:30 – 11:00 p.m., St. John's Parish Center)

Mr. Sonnett read a request from Kimberly Beaulieu of Baypath Humane Society of Hopkinton for a one-day beer and wine only license for an auction scheduled November 5, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. Mr. Sonnett noted that the Police Chief has no problem with the issuance of this license.

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a one-day beer and wine only license for an auction scheduled November 5, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. **So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Kramer. Unanimously voted.**

Proclamation: Perry Fitzpatrick Day (September 20, 2005)

Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to proclaim September 20, 2005 as Perry Fitzpatrick Day. **So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.**

Announcements:

Mr. Holden talked about his recent meeting with the Natick Board of Selectmen and that he had presented them with a copy of the Boston Marathon Lithograph by Buff Spencer. Mr. Holden also commented about the successful ground-breaking ceremony for the Senior Center Building that was recently held.

Town Committee Vacancies

Mr. Sonnett commented that there are several Town committee vacancies and to contact the Selectmen's Office for more information.

Public Meeting Adjourned:

9:45 p.m. Vote: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to adjourn the public meeting. **So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.**

Respectfully submitted,
Geri Holland
Executive Assistant
Date Approved: 10/11/05